Violations of Programme and Advertising Code

933. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2162 given in Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 2006 and state:

(a) the details of the inter-ministerial Committee constituted to look into the violations of Programme and Advertising code;

(b) the number of violations have been noted by the Committee and the show cause notices have been issued;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Central Government has constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee (IMC) [annexed at Statement (*see* below)] under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder. The Committee either *suo-motu* or on receipt of complaint, examines cases of violation of the Codes. Show cause notices are issued in the first instance to TV channels for telecasting objectionable programmes/advertisements in violation of the Codes. Further action is taken as per rules.

(b) and (c) The Committee has noted 28 cases of violation. Show Cause Notices were issued in 21 cases.

(d) On the recommendations of IMC, in 3 cases of violation, warnings have been issued with scrolling and in 7 cases without scrolling. In other 4 cases, Advisories have been issued to the channels not to violate the Codes and to be more careful in future.

Statement

Constitution of Inter-ministerial Committee

सं०/ No. 2301/7/2003-BC-III

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ORDER

WHEREAS Section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") empowers the Central Government to frame rules to carry out the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS, Section 20 of the Act further empowers the Central Government to regulate or prohibit the transmission or retransmission of any programme or channel, by an order, if it is not in conformity with the Programme/Advertising Code referred to in the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, in supersession of orders issued *vide* File No. 9/9/2000-BP&L dated 28.11.2001 and 22.05.2002 regarding constitution of inter-ministerial committee under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Act, 1995 on programme matters and inter-ministerial committee on advertising matters respectively, the Central Government considers it necessary and expedient in public interest, to constitute a composite Committee, with the following composition, to take cognizance *suo-moto* or look into specific complaints regarding violations of the Programme Code and Advertising Code, as defined in Rule 6 and 7 of the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994;

Additional Secretary, Ministry of I&B	Chairman
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice	Member

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development	Member
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Member
Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs	Member
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence	Member
Representative from Advertising Standards Council of India	Member
Joint Secretary (Broadcasting)	Member Convenor

Representative(s) from such other Ministries, as may be required, keeping in view the nature of the issue being examined, can also be associated.

This Committee will also deal with violations of the Programme Code and Advertising Code on all other platforms such as DTH and private FM Radio.

The earlier orders issued *vide* File No. 9/9/2000-BP&L dated 28.11.2001 and 22.05.2002 are hereby cancelled.

Hindi version of this order will follow.

Sd/-

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All Members of the Committee.

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